

Education Committee
March 7, 2011

S.B. No. 1106 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

My name is Polly Herring, and I'm a licensed child care provider from Danbury. I
wanted to give an example of why providers need a voice in order to promote safe
home-based child care environments in our communities.

I've seen illegal daycares and some of the disastrous results that can happen when kids
are left in unsafe situations. When families turn to child care options such as this, it's the
children that suffer. Licensed providers like myself are responsible for making sure that
their homes and environments are within safety limitations and adhere to regulations. We
need to make sure quality caregivers are available in our communities – and S.B. No.
1106 would help us do exactly that by giving us a voice to make improvements and keep
more providers in the field. Please support S.B. 1106 for the future of Connecticut's
children.

Sincerely,

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